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GARY VESPERMAN: Again my name is Gary Vesperman, V-e-s-p-e-r-m-a-n, from Henderson. Back in the early '70s I became quite fascinated with nuclear power. I read over 5,000 or so pages on the subject. I came across a lot of neat stories.

1 [A gentleman earlier talked about trucking the nuclear waste across the country. There's a cute story I remember. Back in the old days the Atomic Energy Commission let out a contract. It's a \$40,000 contract. The object of the contract was to build a truck that could withstand a significant unarmed attack or an insignificant armed attack, but not a significant armed attack. That was the wording of the contract. Pretty funny.

I was a technical writer with Control Data Corporation in Sunnyvale, California back in the early '70s. One of the other tech writers was Steve Hodapp, H-o-d-a-p-p, and we became good friends. He left Control Data to move to Boulder, Colorado and got a job at Stern and Rogers in the Denver area. This is back in the early '70s, maybe mid '70s.

Stern and Rogers was a company chartered by either the AEC or the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, I can't remember which. Their job was to study the feasibility of storing nuclear waste. So I waited for Steve to question a colleague, waited a few months then I called him up long distance. What did you find out, Steve? And he told me that they had looked at every possible method of storing the waste and getting rid of it or whathaveyou, and they found something wrong with every method.

In short, 25 years ago anyway, there was no known method of getting rid of or storing the waste. So I remember a comment in one of the meetings that we had back in the early '70s. Nuclear power is not so much an economic question but it's a moral question. Do we really have the right to use nuclear power for like electricity and leave the waste for future generations to handle? I don't think it is.]